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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS
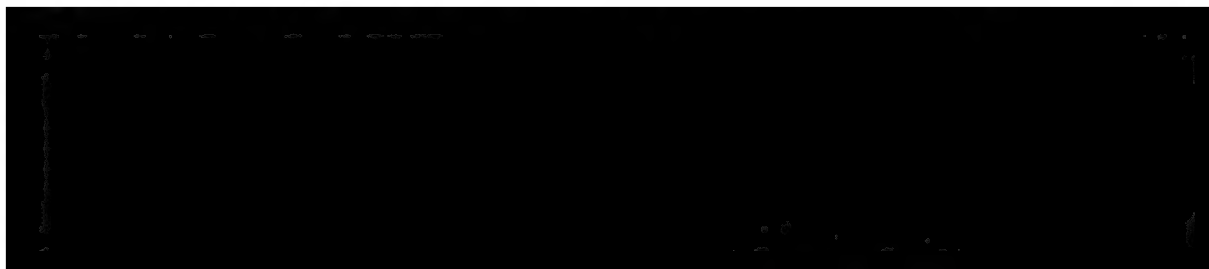   CHIEF, SE DIVISION

SUBJECT   :   Preparation of Staff Studies in accordance with
                  PSB D-31, dated 26 November 1952

1. PSB D-31 establishes five courses of action as an interim
strategic concept for a national psychological program with particu-
lar reference to cold war operations under NSC 10/5. The courses of
action listed should be given greater emphasis than they are currently
receiving, and satisfy the criteria of effectiveness, feasibility,
acceptable risk, and flexibility. Detailed studies may reveal that
effective action within some of these categories is beyond our capa-
bilities. Accordingly, CIA is called upon to prepare individual
priority studies with respect to each course of action. A particu-
lar course of action of direct concern to you is extracted below,
as follows:

"Detachment of Albania.

"Because of Albania's unique geographical position, its
detachment from the Soviet orbit may be feasible. The prin-
cipal advantage gained would be its psychological effects both
in subjugated countries and in areas under intense Soviet pres-
sure, although there would also be useful additional by-products
of a military nature, especially as regards the position of
Yugoslavia and Greece. It would be a demonstration that a
continuing Soviet advance is not inevitable and that a retrac-
tion of Soviet power is practically possible. A preliminary
estimate indicates that detachment could be accomplished by
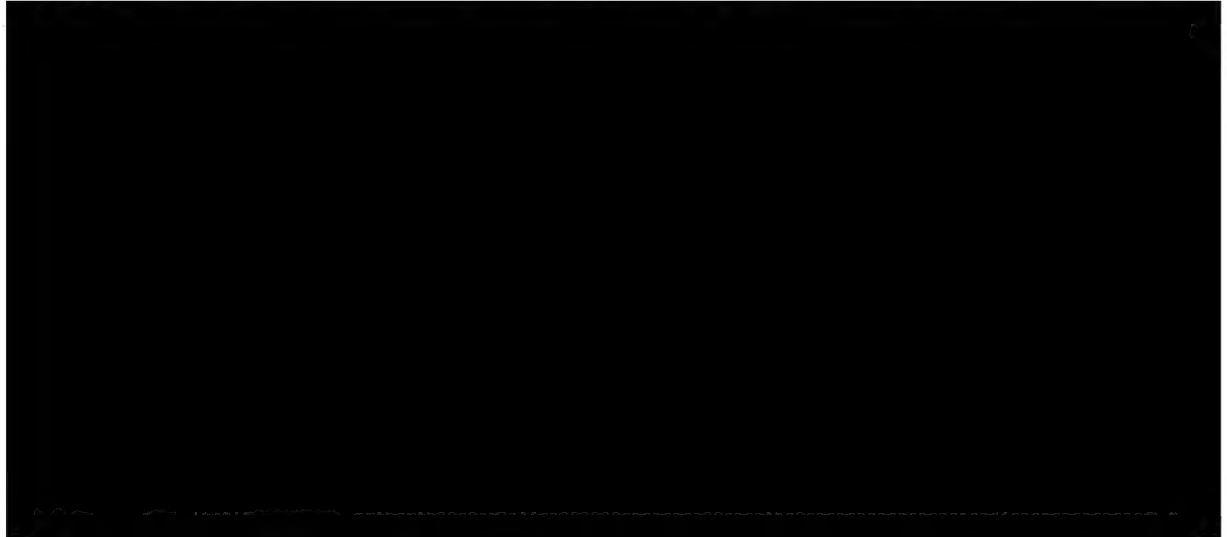Albanian personnel and without the overt participation of
25X1C Western military forces.

Greece, and

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2. OPM is assigned the primary staff responsibility for coordinating with the SE Division the preparation of the required detailed plan.

3. It is desired that the detailed plan and estimates be completed and submitted to DD/P-PPC by 1 March 1953.

FRANK G. WISNER
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